

Urban District of Wirksworth



# ANNUAL REPORT

of the

Medical Officer of Health

and

Chief Public Health Inspector

for the year

**1970**

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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

To the Urban District Council of Wirksworth

Public Health Department,  
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Derbyshire.  
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20th October, 1971.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present to you my Annual Report on the health and sanitary circumstances of the Urban District for the year ended 31st December, 1970.

The Registrar General's estimate of population for mid 1970 was 5,010, a decrease of 30 over that for 1969.

The total number of live births registered during the year was 91, an increase of 10 on the 1969 figures.

The number of deaths registered during the year was 46 (that is 26 Males and 20 Females), and this figure shows a decrease of 1 on that for the previous year's figures. There was 1 still birth during the year.

Deaths from cancer of all sites numbered and deaths from cancer of the lungs and bronchus were classed as being responsible for 2 deaths.

The Infant Mortality Rate of 18 for England and Wales was the same low rate as in 1969. This trend was reflected in this area with a rate of 11.00 per thousand live births.

A total of 58 notifications of infectious disease were recorded (as against 21 notifications received during 1969) made up as follows :  
Measles 41, Chicken Pox 14, Infectious Hepatitis 1, Tuberculosis Respiratory 1, and Tuberculosis Non-Respiratory 1.

During the year the only important piece of public health legislation for district councils was The Agricultural Act, 1970, which came into force in May. It imposes heavy fines on any person summarily convicted of selling, other than for slaughter, any cattle known to be suffering from Brucella Abortus. In addition to this, the Government has now produced an incentive scheme where farmers with registered Brucella-free herds get bonus payments on milk or beef.

Also, designated areas are being created up and down the country where all herds must become Brucella-free. Derbyshire is not included in this scheme as yet.

During 1970 I am pleased to be able to report that we received no notification of food poisoning cases in this district.

I have once again to place on record my thanks to the Chairman and Members of the Health Committee, to Dr. A.H. Snaith, the County Medical Officer, to the General Practitioners, the Clerk of the Council, and the Public Health Inspector and other Chief Officers, for their support and assistance, and to the staff of the Department for their untiring efforts during the year.

I have the honour to be,

Your obedient servant,

W.J. Morrissey

Medical Officer of Health





STATISTICS OF THE AREA

Area of District in acres	4,015 acres
Estimated Mid-Year Population 1970	5,010
Estimated number of houses	1,979
Number of families or separate occupiers	1,978
Rateable Value	£169,907
Product of Penny Rate	£617

VITAL STATISTICS

<u>Live Births</u>	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Total</u>	
Total	51	40	91	
Legitimate	48	39	87	
Illegitimate	3	1	4	
Crude Birth Rate per 1,000 Estimated Population				18.2
Area Comparability Factor				99
Adjusted Birth Rate				18.0
England and Wales Birth Rate for 1970				16.0

Illegitimate Live Births formed 4.3% of the total Live Births

<u>Still Births</u>	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Total</u>	
Total	-	1	1	
Legitimate	-	-	-	
Illegitimate	-	1	1	
Still Birth Rate per 1,000 Live and Still Births				11.0
England and Wales Still Birth Rate for 1970				13.0

<u>Total Live and Still Births</u>	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Total</u>	
Total	51	41	92	
Legitimate	48	39	87	
Illegitimate	3	2	5	

<u>DEATHS</u>	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Total</u>	
	26	20	46	
Crude Death Rate per 1,000 Estimated Population				9.2
Area Comparability Factor				1.14
Adjusted Death Rate				10.5
England and Wales Death Rate for 1970				11.7

<u>Infant Deaths (Deaths under 1 Year)</u>	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Total</u>	
Total	-	1	1	
Legitimate	-	1	1	
Illegitimate	-	-	1	

Infant Mortality Rate

Total Infantile Mortality Rate per 1,000 Live Births	11.0
Infant Mortality Rate for England and Wales for 1970	18.0
Legitimate Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Legitimate Live Births	11.0
Illegitimate Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Illegitimate Live Births	Nil

Neo-Natal Mortality (Deaths under 4 weeks)

	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Total</u>
Total	-	-	-
Legitimate	-	-	-
Illegitimate	-	-	-

Neo-Natal Mortality Rate per 1,000 Live Births Nil  
Neo-Natal Mortality Rate for England and Wales for 1970 12.0

Early Neo-Natal Mortality (Deaths under 1 week)

	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Total</u>
Total	-	-	-
Legitimate	-	-	-
Illegitimate	-	-	-

Early Neo-Natal Mortality Rate per 1,000 Total Live Births Nil  
Early Neo-Natal Mortality Rate for England and Wales for 1970 11.0

Peri-natal Mortality (Still Births and Deaths under 1 week combined)

	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Total</u>
Total	-	1	1
Legitimate	-	1	1
Illegitimate	-	-	-

Peri-Natal Mortality Rate per 1,000 Live and Still Births 11.0  
Peri-Natal Mortality Rate for England and Wales for 1970 23.0

Maternal Mortality (including abortion)

Number of Deaths Nil

<u>Deaths from Cancer (all forms)</u>	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Total</u>
	4	4	8

Deaths from Cancer (Lung and Bronchus)

<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Total</u>
2	-	2



## CAUSES OF DEATHS REGISTERED DURING 1970

The following table shows the cause of deaths registered during 1970.

<u>Cause of Death</u>	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Total</u>
Other infective and parasitic diseases	-	1	1
Malignant neoplasm, intestine	1	-	1
Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	2	-	2
Malignant neoplasm, uterus	-	1	1
Other malignant neoplasms	1	3	4
Benign and unspecified neoplasms	1	-	1
Chronic rheumatic heart disease	1	-	1
Hypertensive disease	-	2	2
Ischaemic heart disease	8	6	14
Other forms of heart disease	-	2	2
Cerebrovascular disease	4	2	8
Influenza	3	1	4
Pneumonia	1	1	2
Bronchitis and emphysema	3	-	3
Other diseases, genito-urinary system	1	-	1
Diseases of musculo-skeletal system	-	1	1
Total	26	20	46

## INFECTIOUS DISEASES

The total of notifications of infectious diseases received during 1970 was 58 as compared with 21 in 1969.

Details of notifications received and the number removed to hospital as shown in the following table.

<u>Disease</u>	<u>Number of Cases</u>	
	<u>Notified</u>	<u>Removed to Hospital</u>
Measles	41	-
Chicken Pox	14	-
Infective Hepatitis	1	-
T.B. Respiratory	1	-
T.B. Non-Respiratory	1	-
Total	58	-

The following table shows the notifications of infectious diseases received month by month throughout the year.

Diseases	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Total
Measles	-	-	-	-	-	23	8	-	1	-	8	1	41
Chicken Pox	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	10	1	-	-	-	14
Infective Hepatitis	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
T.B. Respiratory	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
T.B. Non-Respiratory	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Total	-	-	1	1	-	23	12	10	2	-	8	1	58

Tabulated below is the age incidence of infectious diseases notified during 1970.

Diseases	Under 1 Year	1-	2-	3-	4-	5-9	10-14	15-24	25 and over	Age Unknown	Total
Measles	1	-	4	6	7	19	4	-	-	-	41
Chicken Pox	-	-	1	1	2	10	-	-	-	-	14
Infective Hepatitis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
T.B. Respiratory	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
T.B. Non-Respiratory	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
Total	1	-	5	7	9	29	4	-	2	1	58

#### B.C.G. VACCINATION

The two schemes in operation, that is the scheme administered by the Chest Physicians on the one hand and the County Council Scheme on the other, continued to operate throughout the year. The Scheme administered by the Chest Physicians is limited to children who have been in contact with cases of Respiratory Tuberculosis and the County Council Scheme is for school children of the age of years and upwards.

#### DIPHTHERIA AND DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION

I am indebted to Dr. A.H. Snaith, County Medical Officer, who has kindly supplied the following details regarding diphtheria immunisations carried out during the year in this district.

Record cards received during the year in respect of children immunised during the year :

Primary Immunisation	-	143
Booster Injections	-	66

This gives an increase of 74 primary immunisations and a decrease of 9 booster injections as compared with last year's figures.



## POLIOMYELITIS AND POLIOMYELITIS VACCINATION

It gives me great pleasure once again to report that no confirmed cases of poliomyelitis occurred in the district during the year, but freedom from infection can only be maintained if parents continued to bring their children for vaccination.

## RUBELLA VACCINATION

Vaccination against rubella came into operation last year and was offered to all girls between their 11th and 14th birthdays, but that initially priority should be given to older girls, i.e. those in their 14th year. The purpose of this recommendation is to ensure that as many girls as possible are offered protection against rubella by vaccination before reaching child-bearing age, because of the known association of certain foetal abnormalities with German Measles infection in pregnancy.

## IMMUNISATION AGAINST WHOOPING COUGH AND TETANUS

Arrangements for immunisation against these two complaints is available through the Derbyshire County Council and the same arrangements remained in force throughout the year. Injections are given at the County Council Clinic, or by the General Practitioners and booster doses are given after the recommended interval has elapsed.

Although no longer a major problem in England and Wales tetanus continues to take a regular toll of human lives. This is all the more disappointing as there is good evidence that active immunisation provides a high degree of protection. Immunisation at the time of injury in previously unimmunised persons is less reliable, and once the disease has taken hold the best available treatment is uncertain.

In 1964 preventative measures against tetanus were reviewed by an advisory group who concluded that, as active immunisation is the only measure which affords reliable protection, universal active immunisation should be the ultimate goal and reasonable steps should be taken to achieve routine immunisation (Ministry of Health, 1964). This advice was repeated in letters from the Chief Medical Officer to Medical Officers of Health and Practitioners in September, 1965 (Ministry of Health, 1965, a and b), and also appears in Memorandum Immunisation against Infectious Disease (Central Health Services Council, 1968).

## NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948 - SECTION 47 NATIONAL ASSISTANCE (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1951

These two Acts give authority to secure necessary care and attention for persons who:

- (a) are suffering from grave chronic diseases, or being aged and infirm or physically incapacitated are living in insanitary conditions, and
- (b) are unable to devote to themselves, and are not receiving from other persons proper care and attention.

It was not found necessary to take any formal action under these Acts during the year.

## EXFOLIATIVE CYTOLOGY (COMMONLY CALLED SMEAR TESTS FOR CANCER OF THE NECK OF THE UTERUS)

Derbyshire County Council accepts the value of exfoliative cytology in the early diagnosis of cancer of the cervix of the uterus, and since the 29th June, 1964, the County Health Committee has agreed to some of their medical staff collecting smears for cytological examination at certain County Council Clinics, and these facilities are now available at :

Belper Clinic, Field Lane, Belper.  
Derby Clinic, Cathedral Road, Derby.  
Matlock Clinic, Lime Grove Walk, Matlock.  
Ripley Clinic, Derby Road, Ripley.  
Wirksworth Clinic, Church Street, Wirksworth.

Any one requiring this examination should contact the Health Visitor at any of these Clinics.

## WELFARE SERVICES

Matlock, Lime Grove Walk. 1st and 3rd Thursday 9 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.  
Tel.No.Matlock 3611.

### Relaxation Class

Wirksworth Clinic, Church Street, Monday 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.  
Tel.No.Wirksworth 2865.

### Infant Welfare Centro

Wirksworth Clinic, Church Street. Tuesday and Friday 1.30 p.m. to 4.15 p.m.  
Tel.No.Wirksworth 2865.

### Welfare Foods Distribution Centres

Middleton-by-Wirksworth, Southam's General Stores, The Green. Shop Hours.  
Wirksworth Clinic, Church Street, Tuesday and Friday 1.30 p.m. to 4.15 p.m.  
Tel.No.Wirksworth 2865.

### Dental Clinic

Matlock, Lime Grove Walk. Tuesday and Thursday 9.15 a.m. to 12 noon.  
1.30 p.m. to 4 p.m. Tel.No.Matlock 3611.

### Eye Clinic

Matlock, Lime Grove Walk. 1st and 3rd Friday a.m. Tel.Matlock 3611.

### Minor Ailment Clinic

Matlock, Lime Grove Walk. Tuesday a.m. Doctor present. Tel.No.Matlock 3611.

### Orthopaedic Clinic

Derby, Cathedral Road. Thursday Tel.Derby 45934.

### Speech Therapy Clinic

Derby, Cathedral Road. By appointment. Tel.No.Derby 45934.  
Matlock, Lime Grove Walk. (Temporarily unstaffed). Tel.No.Matlock 3611.

### Poliomyelitis Vaccination Clinic

Matlock, Lime Grove Walk. 4th Saturday a.m. Tel.No.Matlock 3611.

### Chiropody Clinic

Wirksworth, Church Street. Wednesday 9 a.m. to 12 noon., and Thursday a.m.  
once a month. By appointment, through the G.P.'s Tel.No.Wirksworth 2865.

### Chest Clinic

Derby, 93 Green Lane, Wednesday 9.30 a.m. to 12 noon, and 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.  
Friday 9.30 a.m. to 12 noon and 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday (Contacts only)  
9.30 a.m. to 11.30 a.m. By appointment only at all sessions. Tel.No.Derby 40

### Chest X-Ray Service. Available to Members of the Public

Chest Radiography Centre, Postern Street, Nottingham. Tel.No.Nottingham 42440.  
Public Sessions: Every Tuesday for Men 2.00 p.m. to 4.45 p.m.  
Every Thursday for Women 2.00 p.m. to 4.45 p.m.  
Additionally during the year 1970 the first monthly session  
will be extended to 7.30 p.m.



NURSING ARRANGEMENTS, HOSPITALS AND OTHER  
INSTITUTIONS AVAILABLE FOR THE DISTRICT

HOSPITALS

The local Maternity Hospital under the Number 2 Hospital Management Committee of the Sheffield Regional Hospital Board functions as an 18 bedded Maternity Hospital and draws its cases from a wide area.

The Royal Infirmary, Women's Hospital, Children's Hospital and City Hospital, Derby, under the Number 1 Hospital Management Committee of the Regional Hospital Board, take surgical, medical and gynaecological cases, and admissions are conducted on a bed-bureau system. The City Hospital has an obstetrical wing which caters for abnormal cases.

1. Professional Nursing in the Home:

General Nurse

Nurse D.F. Repton,  
Uppercorn Close,  
52 Cromford Road,  
Wirksworth.  
Tel.No.Wirksworth 2606.

Midwifery

Mrs. B.L.R. Haywood,  
Blo-so,  
Bole Hill,  
Wirksworth.  
Tel.No.Wirksworth 2662.

Health Visitor

Miss M. Ahamer,  
Wirksworth Clinic,  
Church Street,  
Wirksworth.  
Tel.No.Wirksworth 2865.

2. Other Hospitals for the District

(a) Tuberculosis

Walton Hospital, Chesterfield.

(b) Maternity

Wirksworth Maternity Hospital.

City Hospital, Derby (abnormal cases  
admitted).

Accommodation is provided at Darley  
Hall Maternity Hospital, Darley Dale,  
Matlock.

(c) Infectious Disease Cases

Cases of other infectious diseases  
occurring in the district may be removed  
to the Derwent Hospital, Derby.

All admissions and discharges of cases  
of infectious disease including Tuberculosis  
are notified to me as the District Medical  
Officer of Health.

3. Area Welfare Officer

Mr. A.J. Hills,  
The Firs,  
High Street,  
Alfreton. DE5 7EL.  
Tel.No.Alfreton 3441.

4. Child Care Officer

Mrs. D. Mizon,  
The Firs,  
High Street,  
Alfreton. DE5 7EL.  
Tel.No.Alfreton 3441.





Annual Report of the Public Health Inspector  
to the Wirksworth Urban District Council

Public Health Department,  
Town Hall,  
Wirksworth,  
Derbyshire.  
DE4 4EU.

20th October, 1971

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I herewith submit my Annual Report on the works undertaken by the Public Health Department during the year 1970.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the instructions received from the Ministry of Health under Regulations 5(3) and 15(5) of the Public Health Officers Regulations, 1959, which define the scope of this Annual Report and also in accordance with the directions contained in the Ministry of Health Circular 1/71.

In accordance with the Minister's wish, the qualifications and duties of the Authority's Public Health Officers are published on page one of this report, together with a list indicating the members of the Council whom are concerned with matters of public health.

I would like to acknowledge with gratitude the help and understanding I have received from the Chairman and Members of the Public Health Committee and to take this opportunity of saying thank you to the Medical Officer of Health and my colleagues in other departments who have been helpful at all times.

Finally I cannot close this report without expressing my sincere thanks to the staff of my own department for their work during the year and particularly to Mr. K. Ashworth, Mr. F. Brough, Mrs. O.S. Stkinson for their loyal support and without whose help even this review of work done would not be produced.

They have at all times done their best both for the public and myself, services which I feel sure have also been to the benefit of the Council.

I am, Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

J.M.Todd

Public Health Inspector



GENERAL SANITARY ADMINISTRATION

Estimated Population                      5,010  
Estimated Number of Houses              1,979

	<u>Number on Register</u>	<u>Number or Decrease</u>	<u>Inspections Made</u>
Bakehouses	1	-	4
Common Lodging Houses	-	-	-
Dairies	7	-	8
Factories and Workplaces	34	-1	20
Ice Cream Premises	(a) Manufacturers	-	-
	(b) Dealers	-	86
Milk Distributors	7	-	7 plus visits by County Public Health Inspector.
Moveable Dwelling Sites	-	-	-
Offensive Trades	-	-	-
Outworkers	15	+ 1	10
Preserved Food Stores	4	-	7
Offices, Shops and Railway Premises	52	+ 1	30
Slaughterhouses	(a) Public Abattoir	-	-
	(b) Private Abattoir	-	-
Knackers Yards	-	-	-

SWIMMING BATHS

<u>No. of Baths</u>		<u>Samples Taken</u>	
<u>Public</u>	<u>Private</u> ( <u>Open to public</u> )	<u>Satisfactory</u>	<u>Unsatisfactory</u>
Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

## CONVERSIONS

Number of houses converted from pail closets, privies, etc., to water closets during the year 1970 - four.

Number of pail closets, etc., converted to water closets during the past ten years :

Years	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967	1968	1969	1970
Numbers	1	1	Nil	1	1	Nil	1	1	1	4

Number of Conversions of privies into pail closets Nil

Approximate number of houses at 31st December, 1970 with -

(a) Privy Middens	-	6
(b) Pail Closets	-	12
(c) Water Closets	-	1961

## SEWAGE AND SEWERAGE DISPOSAL

	<u>No. of Houses</u>	<u>Estimated Population Involved</u>
No. of houses in district connected to sewers.	1,925	4,868
No. of houses in district not connected to sewers.	54	142
No. of connections made during the year :		
(a) existing houses	4	
(b) new houses	25	
(c) Other premises	-	
No. of conversions of other closets to W.C's.	4	



HOUSING BY THE URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

As is appreciated this is one of the most important functions for which the Local Authority is responsible, namely, the rehousing of families living in overcrowded or insanitary conditions.

Wirksworth has, I believe, a first class record of post war Council housing and taken by and large, its housing problem is much less intense than many other similar local authorities.

This is perhaps borne out by the undernoted statistics supplied to me by the Housing Officer as to the numbers of persons on the Housing Waiting List as at 31st December, 1970.

Applicants living within the urban district	28
Applicants living outside the urban district	15
Applicants requiring old people's dwellings	15
(not including existing tenants).	<hr/>
	58
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I am pleased to report that during the year the modernisation and improvement programme for twenty-five pre-war houses at Snowfields View was started, and the construction of a further fourteen Council houses at Stile Croft, Middleton-by-Wirksworth was completed.

HOUSING - GENERALLY

The work of securing essential repairs to rented houses in the district was maintained at much the same level as in 1969. This routine, but essential work carried out by informal action with property owners entails a considerable number of meetings and liaisons with solicitors, owners and occupiers by virtue of the fact that the action is informal and not statutory.

However, it has always been my experience that when informal action is carried to a successful conclusion, the result is more satisfactory to all parties concerned than when the Council is forced to take statutory action, although as I have already pointed out this informal action by its very nature is most time consuming.

Certificates of Disrepair

No certificates of Disrepair were either applied for or issued during 1970.

Slum Clearance

Progress under this heading has been very limited indeed, and for your information, the following table shows the total number of houses dealt with by the Department since the Ministry called for a review.

Total number of houses demolished or closed.
1.5.55 to 31.12.70. . . . . 64

IMPROVEMENT GRANTS

Work on improving suitable houses continued during the year at a steady rate. Fourteen applications for Standard Grants were received during the year, as compared with a total of ten in 1969. All these Standard Grant applications were approved. The work is, I think, one of the most satisfying aspects of the Department's work, as the applicant is in all cases very satisfied, with his improved standard of living, and in each case a house has been brought up to a standard which is more in keeping with modern ideas.

It is undoubtedly a fact that this work of improving houses leads to an improved standard of maintenance which, in the long term, prevents the deterioration of a house into a slum dwelling, thus avoiding the provision of a new Council dwelling in which to rehouse the occupants.

The following particulars of formal applications received and approved for Standard Grants for the inauguration of the scheme will no doubt be of interest to members of the Council.

Received - 177

G R A N T S   A P P R O V E D

Number of Dwellings concerned. 176      Total Maximum Amount Approved £26,266.16

<u>Fixed bath or shower</u>	<u>Wash-hand basin</u>	<u>Hot water supply</u>	<u>Water Closet</u>	<u>Food Storage facilities</u>	<u>Septic Tank</u>	<u>Sink</u>
153	157	154	148	100	3	2

DISCRETIONARY GRANTS

The following table shows the number of Discretionary Grant applications dealt with during the year:

Number of applications received. . . . .	22
Number of applications approved . . . . .	22
Number of dwellings concerned . . . . .	22
Total amount of grants approved . . . . .	£14,122.00
Average grant per dwelling . . . . .	£641.91

The advent of the housing Act, 1969, with its greatly increased scope and grants has realised an appreciable increase in grant applications from householders.

The Section regarding Qualification Certificates has been implemented and owners are now beginning to take advantage of these grants for the improvement of their tenanted houses.

I think the members of the Council will be interested in the following table, which indicates the total number of houses completed by both Private Enterprise and the Local Authority in the Wirksworth Urban District since building recommenced after the last war.

<u>Local Authorities In tenders approved</u>	<u>Local Authorities and Housing Associations</u>	<u>Private Builders</u>	<u>Demolished or closed or under an undertaking 1.1.55-1.12.70</u>		
	<u>Under Con- struction</u>	<u>Completed since 1.4.45.</u>	<u>Under Con- struc- tion</u>	<u>Completed since 1.4.45.</u>	
Nil	-	344	3	348	64



The following table on housing statistics shows the results which have been obtained during the past year with regard to the repair and maintenance of old properties.

NUMBER OF HOUSES ERECTED DURING THE YEAR 1970

1. By Private Enterprise - 11
2. By Local Authority - 14

INSPECTION OF DWELLING HOUSES DURING THE YEAR

A. <u>HOUSES DEMOLISHED</u>	Houses	Displaced	
	<u>Demolished</u>	<u>Persons</u>	<u>Families</u>
Not in Clearance Areas	-	-	-
As a result of formal or informal procedure under Section 17 of the Housing Act, 1957.	-	-	-
B. <u>UNFIT HOUSES CLOSED</u>	<u>Houses Closed</u>	Displaced	
		<u>Persons</u>	<u>Families</u>
Under Sections 16(4), 17(1) - 5(1) Housing Act, 1957	2	Nil	Nil
Under Sections 17(3) and 26 Housing Act, 1957	-	-	-
Parts of buildings closed under Section 13 Housing Act, 1957	-	-	-
C. <u>UNFIT HOUSES MADE FIT AND HOUSES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE REMEDIED</u>			
	<u>By Owner</u>	<u>Local Authority</u>	
After informal action by Local Authority	16	-	
After formal notice under			
(a) Public Health Acts	-	-	
(b) Housing Act, 1957 Sec.9 and 16	-	-	
Under Section 24, Housing Act, 1957	-	-	
D. No. of undertakings accepted during 1970	3		

Common Lodging Houses

There are no Common Lodging Houses in the area.

## INFECTIOUS DISEASE AND DISINFECTION

It is indeed gratifying to be able to report that during the year 1970 there were no cases of infectious diseases notified within the urban area which necessitated the Medical Officer of Health instructing me to carry out disinfection.

## TENTS, VANS AND TEMPORARY STRUCTURES, CARAVAN SITES AND CONTROL OF DEVELOPMENT ACT, 1960

Once again, the Council have continued to exercise strict control throughout the whole of their area, with the result that there has been no real growth of underdesirable unlicensed dwellings or sites within the boundaries of the urban district.

Sporadic cases have occurred, of course, and these have been dealt with as expeditiously as possible.

## MOVEABLE DWELLINGS

No. of caravan sites licensed for holiday purposes Nil containing Nil caravans.

No. of caravan sites licensed for residential purposes  
(with temporary approval only) Nil containing Nil caravans.

No. of caravans licensed individually Nil.

## DISINFESTATION

As in previous years, complaints were received from time to time regarding infestation of old properties with woodworm and the death watch beetle, and in all instances, the occupants were given the necessary advice, and instructions on how to deal with these pests.

The Council's Powder Blowers and Insecticide Sprayers were used whenever necessary with gratifying results, and a number of infestations of cockroaches (*Blattella Germanica*) yielded to extensive treatment, which consisted of the use of smoke generators.

## SLAUGHTERHOUSES ACT, 1958

There are no licensed slaughterhouses within the urban district.

## RATS AND MICE (DESTRUCTION) ACT, 1919 INFESTATION ORDER, 1942, AND PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949

The foreman, Mr. Walter Butlin, and your Cemetery Curator, Mr. J. Sheld act as Rodent Operators, and they carried out the routine work of this nature during 1970.

Throughout the whole of the period under review, the Urban District has worked in the closest co-operation with the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food Divisional Pests Officer, Mr. F.B. Oates, and again I would like to express my gratitude to him.

In addition to sewer treatments rat infestations at Intake and Middleton tips have been eradicated by routine treatments by Mr. Butlin.

Very few properties have been found to be infested as a result of notification but each complaint has been dealt with in an efficient and successful manner.



Herewith is the Annual Report required by the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, under the Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949, for the year ending 31st December, 1970.

	<u>Non Agriculture</u>	<u>Agriculture</u>
1. Number of properties in district	2,229	34
2. (a) Total number of properties (including nearby premises) inspected following notification.	23	Nil
(i) Rats	17	Nil
(b) Number infested by (ii) Mice	6	Nil
3. (a) Total number of properties inspected for rats and/or mice for reasons other than notification.	84	3
(i) Rats	6	3
(b) Number infested by (ii) Mice	2	Nil

#### SEWERS

4. Were any sewers infested by rats during the year? Yes

5. Any other points of interest? Nil

#### REFUSE COLLECTION

Despite the vagaries of the British Climate, a weekly refuse collection has been maintained reasonably satisfactory during the year. With the purchase of a new compression type refuse vehicle it has been possible to maintain this service during the winter months with only the three regular collectors.

The West End tip has now been filled and all refuse is tipped at Intake Lane.

Refuse collection, is, I think, a service taken very much for granted until the rare occasion when for some<sup>reason</sup> or other the slightest variation from the expected weekly routine emptying of the dustbin occurs. Perversely the better the service the more noticeable any departure from the normal, particularly at holiday times when the men themselves, of course, entitled to expect a rest from their labours.

I would also like to take this opportunity of thanking the manual workers of this Department, under the able supervision of the Foreman, for their work during the year.

#### COST OF REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL FOR 1970

(a) Total cost per head per week for weekly refuse collection	.27p
(b) Cost per head for whole year	£1.43
(c) Cost per house for whole year	£3.66

#### PETROLEUM (CONSOLIDATION) ACT, 1928 AND PETROLEUM ACTS, 1928-36

The enforcement of the Petroleum Acts and Regulations is not a minor duty requiring a minimum of attention, on the contrary, such Acts where loss of life, personal injury or damage to property may result through lack of proper enforcement, require a high standard of technical knowledge for their proper performance.

During the year, visits were made to premises for the purpose of the inspection and examination of sites, installations and the electrical equipment associated with the pumps. The number of licences issued was thirteen and the fees for licensing, etc., amount to £42.00.

On every occasion whenever it has been necessary, I have received the closest co-operation and assistance from the Fire Prevention Officers of the Derbyshire County Council through their Chief Officer, Mr. H.J.Terry.

All new tanks together with those which have been installed for more than 20 years are subjected to pressure tests.



## SEWERAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL

### (a) Capital Works

No additional capital works were carried out during the year.

### (b) Maintenance

Normal day to day repairs and maintenance were carried out, together with the redraining of eight drying beds, the renewal of two sets of sprinkler arms and rebuilding of a syphon tank.

## FOOD PREPARATION ROOMS

Inspections of the registered food preparation rooms in your area have proved that a good standard has been maintained.

## FOOD PREMISES

1. In accordance with the Ministry of Health instructions, the following tables have been compiled and show the number of food premises in the area, by type of business.

<u>TYPE OF BUSINESS</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Number of these shops which in addition sell Ice-Cream</u>
(a) Grocery and Provisions	16	12
(b) Sweets, Confectionary & Tobacco	4	1
(c) Fish and Chips	2	-
(d) Greengrocers	3	1
(e) Newsagents, Ice-Cream and Sweets	3	3
(f) Pork Butchers	1	-
(g) Butchers	4	-
(h) Chemists (Food and Drugs)	1	-
(i) Cafes	1	1
(j) Bakers and Confectioners	1	-
(k) Public Houses	16	1
Total	52	19

### 2. (a) Number of Food Premises, by Type, registered under Section 16 of Food and Drugs Act, 1955

Sausage and Meat Manufacture - 4  
Ice-Cream - 19

### (b) Number of Dairies registered under the Milk and Dairies Regulations, 1959 (Sections 18, 19 and 20)

### 3. Number of Inspections of registered Food Premises

These numbers will be seen by reference to the table of General Sanitary Administration on page No.11 of my report and informative comment will be found throughout this report under the individual headings which follow.

### 4. Education Activity

With the approval of the Medical Officer of Health, various posters and wall sheets on clean food and the dangers of food poisoning have been displayed in the area. The subject matter of these posters is, of course, changed from time to time.

### 5. Disposal of unsound food

Unsound food is disposed of locally, either by incineration whenever possible, failing this, on the Council's refuse tips. There remains a close liaison with proprietors of food businesses in the voluntarily surrender of food unfit for human consumption.

The total registration of premises for the sale of Ice-Cream, now stands at 19. None of the 19 registered retailers of Ice-Cream actually manufacturer Ice-Cream, but all are registered as retailers of pre-packed, individual Ice-Creams obtained from manufacturers of national repute. All the 19 premises have been regularly visited by me and monthly samples have been taken wherever possible and submitted to the Director of the Public Health Laboratory Service for examination.

The following table shows the results of the samples which I have taken on your behalf during the year 1970. As will be seen, all samples taken were pronounced satisfactory by the Director of the Public Health Laboratory Service.

<u>Grade 1</u>	<u>Grade 2</u>	<u>Grade 3</u>	<u>Grade 4</u>	<u>Total</u>
84	2	-	-	86

The appendix to Ministry of Health Circular 8/59 gave advice on tests for bacterial cleanliness of Ice-Cream. The following is the "recommended provision grading based on the methylene blue reduction test in which readings are taken half-hourly."

<u>Provisional Grade</u>	<u>Time taken to reduce methylene blue</u>
1	Fails to reduce in 4 hours.
2	$2\frac{1}{2}$ - 4 hours.
3	$\frac{1}{2}$ - 2 hours
4	-

In all cases, whatever the results, copies of the Laboratory Reports have been forwarded to the respective retailers so that they are kept fully informed.



## Food Hygiene (General) Regulations, 1960

Food Hygiene (General) Regulations, 1960, which consolidate and amend the Food Hygiene Regulations of 1955/57 came into force on the 1st October, 1960.

I have continued to carry out routine hygiene inspections under this heading and it is gratifying to be able to report that, for the most part, all the shops in the Wirksworth and Middleton areas have now been brought up to and maintained in a satisfactory standard in order to comply with these regulations.

<u>Trade Category</u>	<u>No. of Premises</u>	<u>No. of premises complying with Regulation 16</u> (wash-hand basins)	<u>No. of premises to which Regulation 19 applies</u> (Facilities for washing food and equipment)	<u>No. of premises fitted to comply with Regulation 19</u>
Grocery and Provisions	16	16	16	16
Sweets and Confectionery	4	4	4	4
Fried Fish and Chips	2	2	2	2
Greengrocers	3	3	3	3
Butchers	4	4	4	4
Bakers and Confectioners	1	1	1	1
Public Houses	16	16	16	16

In accordance with paragraph 5 of the Health Circular 22/58, I have to report that no prosecutions were instigated by my Council under the Food Hygiene Regulations throughout the period under review.

## The Liquid Egg (Pasteurisation) Regulations, 1963

Number of egg pasteurisation plants in the district - Nil  
Number of samples of liquid egg taken - Nil

## Poultry Inspection

There are no poultry processing premises within the Urban District.

## DAIRIES, FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1955

## THE MILK AND DAIRIES REGULATIONS, 1959

## THE MILK (SPECIAL DESIGNATION) REGULATIONS, 1960

The abovementioned regulations came into operation on the 1st January, 1961, and transferred to the Food and Drugs Authority the duty of licensing dealers in designated milks. From that date onwards the sampling of designated milks has been carried out by the County Public Health Officer, and he has kindly supplied me with the following information concerning samples taken within your district :-

Total number of samples taken - 21

<u>Designation</u>	<u>Samples taken</u>	<u>Test Applied</u>	<u>Result</u>	
			<u>Satisfactory</u>	<u>Unsatisfactory</u>
Untreated Milk	Nil	Methylene Blue	-	-
		Brucella Abortus	1	-
Pasteurised	21	Methylene Blue	20	-
		Phosphates	20	-
Sterilised Milk	Nil	Turbidity	-	-

Brucella Abortus

- 1. Number of samples of raw milk examined - 8
- 2. Number of positive samples found - Nil

FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1955

The following results and particulars of samples taken in this district on behalf of my Council by the Derbyshire County Council Food and Drugs Authority have once again been supplies to me by the County Analyst, Mr. J. Markland, B.Sc., F.R.I.C.

"20 samples, including 8 milks, were taken under the above Act in the area of the Wirksworth Urban District Council during the 1970. All the remaining samples were classed as satisfactory."

FISH FRYING PREMISES

The two fish frying premises in the area received routine inspections during the year, and I am pleased to be able to report that the conditions obtained therein are satisfactory.

There have been no further major alterations worthy of note carried out to either of these premises during the period under review, and they continue to operate in a clean and hygienic manner.

BAKEHOUSES

As will be seen from my statistics under General Sanitary Administration at the commencement of this report, there is now only one bakehouse in use in the Wirksworth Urban District and I can only continue to bring to your notice each year the conditions prevailing in this establishment. Work on improvement have been carried out within the retail shop, but because of the lack of space, etc., for building these premises cannot be brought up to an absolutely modern standard.

However, the standard of bread and confectionery produced from these premises appears to be of good quality and I have no complaints whatsoever from the public during the period under review.



OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963

The following tables show the prescribed particulars which have to be included in this Annual Report and which also have to be submitted to the Ministry of Labour under Section 60.

TABLE "A" REGISTRATION AND GENERAL INSPECTIONS

	<u>Premises registered 1970</u>	<u>Premises registered at the end of 1970</u>	<u>Premises receiving a general inspection in 1970</u>
Offices	1	16	6
Retail Shops	Nil	28	20
Wholesale Shops, Warehouses	Nil	Nil	Nil
Catering Establishments open to public, canteens	Nil	8	4
Fuel storage depots	Nil	Nil	Nil
Total	1	52	30

TABLE "B"

Number of visits of all kinds by Inspectors to registered premises 39

TABLE "C" ANALYSIS OF PERSONS EMPLOYED IN REGISTERED PREMISES BY WORKPLACE

<u>Class of Workplace (1)</u>	<u>No. of Persons Employed (2)</u>
Offices	55
Retail Shops	80
Wholesale Dept., Warehouses	Nil
Catering Establishments open to the Public	21
Canteens	Nil
Fuel Storage Depots	Nil
Total	156
Total Males	62
Total Females	94

TABLE "D" Exemptions Nil Return Parts 1, 2, 3, 4

TABLE "E" Prosecutions Nil Return

TABLE "F" Inspectors Number of Inspectors 1 Part-time  
appointed under  
Sections 52(1) or (5)



# FACTORIES ACT, 1961

## PART 1 OF THE ACT

1. INSPECTIONS for the purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Health Inspectors).

<u>Premises</u> (1)	<u>No. on Register</u> (2)	<u>Number of</u>		
		<u>Inspections</u> (3)	<u>Written Notices</u> (4)	<u>Occupiers Prosecuted</u> (5)
1. Factories in which Secs.1,2,3,4, and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
2. Factories not included in (1) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	34	20	Nil	Nil
3. Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding Out-Workers' premises).	3	15	Nil	Nil
Total	37	35	Nil	Nil

## 2. Cases in which DEFECTS were found

(If the defects are discovered on two, three or more separate occasions they should be reckoned as two, three or more cases).

<u>Particulars</u> (1)	<u>Number of cases in which defects were found</u>				<u>Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted</u> (6)
	<u>Found</u> (2)	<u>Remedied</u> (3)	<u>To H.M. Inspector</u> (4)	<u>By H.M. Inspector</u> (5)	
Want of Cleanliness (S.1)	-	-	-	-	-
Overcrowding (S.2)	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable Temperature (S.3)	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation (S.4)	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)	-	-	-	-	-
(a) Insufficient	-	-	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective defective	-	-	-	-	-
(c) Not separate for sexes.	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the the Act (not including offences relating to outwork).	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	-	-

PART VIII OF THE ACT - OUTWORK (SECTIONS 133 AND 134)

<u>Nature of Work</u>	<u>Number of Outworkers</u>
Wearing apparel etc.	15

As usual I have received the full co-operation of H.M. Inspector of Factories, and whenever necessary we have discussed problems and on a number of occasions we have visited factories in this urban area together.

Throughout the year, the Factory Inspector has kept me fully informed of all deletions, additions or changes together with information regarding the use of mechanical power in factories, within the urban area, and your registers have been duly amended and brought up to date.

## WATER SUPPLY

The South Derbyshire Water Board provide the water supply for the town, and I am indebted to Mr. I.G. Edwards, Engineer and General Manager, South Derbyshire Water Board for his observations which are given below :-

- (a) The water supply to the area has been adequate in quantity and generally satisfactory in quality.
- (b) Regular examination is made of both raw and treated waters. A total of 54 bacteriological, 1 chemical and 52 partial chemical samples were taken during the year, both at the works and from various points in the Wirksworth Urban District.

Of the bacteriological samples taken, 6 indicated the presence of coliforms. Further check samples which were taken were satisfactory.

Consumers in the Middleton and Bolehill areas of Wirksworth are supplied with water from the Derwent Valley via the Breamfield Reservoir. The remainder of the Urban District is supplied from the two local sources given below :-

	<u>Fluorides</u>
(i) Wash Green Springs	0.15 p.p.m.
(ii) Lady Flatte Mine	0.25 p.p.m.
(c) None of the water as supplied to the consumer in this area is liable to plumbo-solvent action.	
(d) All water is chlorinated before being passed into supply.	
(e) The number of dwelling houses and population supplied	
(i) No. of dwelling houses and houses and shops	1,821
(ii) Estimated population supplied	5,088
(iii) I have no record of the number of houses supplied by means of standpipes.	

In addition 22 bacteriological samples were taken by myself, all of which proved satisfactory, and in addition 5 samples of private water supplies were taken, 2 of these were satisfactory and 3 were bacteriologically unsuitable for drinking purposes.

During the year the delivery of water for domestic use has continued to three cottages at Godfreyhole. Apart from the "Salty" taste to the water, as reported last year, samples have indicated that the well water is bacteriologically unsuitable for domestic use. At the time of writing negotiations are in hand with the south Derbyshire Water Board for the properties to be connected to the main's supply.







